* This story reminds me of the underground railroad and how people risked their lives to save the lives of others.
* The smugglers are only interested in money. I guess they don’t care about helping people. It’s all about making a profit.
* Smugglers are the main target.
* Do some of the smugglers care about helping less fortunate people or is everyone only working for the money?
* Would an American smuggler being tried in an American court be tried differently than a Mexican smuggler?
* Multiple law enforcement agencies were needed to crack down on the smuggling ring? Why were so many needed?
* The raids were delayed multiple times. Why?
* The smuggling seems like a big deal that will be hard to stop.
* Shouldn’t they care about bringing in the illegal immgrants too, not just the smugglers? Why take down one when you can/should take down both? It’s seems like a no-brainer.
* Violence around the border remains very high. I don’t think it’s going to go down any time soon.
* The smuggling hurts the United States.
* Maybe the smugglers want a source of cheap labor and the immigrants provide that for them.

After viewing the Gilmer Hernadezes Story, in your opinion, did Officer Hernandezes violate the civil rights of illegal aliens? Should he have been prosecuted? Why or why not?

* The illegal immigrants shouldn’t have any rights. They are entering our country illegally.
* Gilmer Hernandezes did nothing wrong. He fired at the tires to stop the car. It’s not like he was gunning down people.
* It’s ridiculous that Gilmer is in jail. What did he do wrong?
* No rights should belong to the illegal immigrants. They should be the ones being charged, not the cops. If they were American citizens, then that’s a different story.
* It’s crazy that the drug smuggler who pointed the gun at the cops got off clean. The two cops got ten and eleven years. That’s not right.
* The immigrants seem to enjoy a type of safety. I can see why they would come back.

Arizona Immigration Debate

* Law protects all people in Arizona.
* Jan Brewer believes it will protect the rights of all citizens.
* Jan Brewer believes the bill is in the best interest of Arizona.
* Arizona is acting because Washington has not.
* Enhances security of the borders.
* Against illegal immigration and racial profiling
* You have to carry your ID card that shows you are in the country legally.
* Police to be properly trained on the bill.
* Possible changes to the bill could occur before the end of the year.
* Law enforcement will be responsible if the bill is misused.
* Bill can’t come at the expense of racial equality.
* Jan Brewer believes in this bill.
* Brewer quotes Roosevelt. “No man is above the law…”
* I don’t think the bill will be properly used by all. I like the idea of the bill but some people will misuse it. If a law enforcement official sees someone they don’t like, they may target them. A lot of people will correctly use but there are always some that don’t follow the majority.
* If used properly, the bill could help crack down on the number of illegal immigrants in the country.
* This is the first step in a very long process. It may work or may fail but at least they are trying something new.

President Obama

* Arizona law has potential to be applied in a discriminatory way.
* The potential immigrants could be harrassed, etc.
* The law expresses some of the anger that Americans feel toward the broken system of fixing illigal immigration.
* Americans want to see something done. Obama’s tone doesn’t really make me believe that he cares all that much.
* I do agree that something needs to be done about the immigration. The Arizona law may not be perfect but it’s a start. We try it and go from there.
* We’ll never know if it can be used in a discriminatory way, unless it’s put into action.

Racial Profiling

* People for the bill say they are fine with the immigrants if they enter the country legally.
* People against it say that the bill will lead to racial profiling.
* You need to carry your papers with you at all times. If you don’t, you could end up in jail.
* Police= becoming boogeymen
* How do you determine that someone is suspicious/possible of being an immigrant, unless you are looking at the color of their skin?
* People could flee Arizona to avoid being discriminated against.
* The immigrant rates in Arizona are pretty high, so this could help. This is by no means , a perfect bill, but it is a start. Put this into effect for a trial period of say 6 months. See how this works and if it is failing horribly, go back to the drawing board. This is an issue that just can’t be left alone. Something needs to be tried, otherwise this could get out of control.